

The True Northerner.

PAW PAW, MICHIGAN.

A FIRE-SWEPT MINE.

COLLIERY CONFLAGRATION NEAR SHAMOKIN.

Three Foo Goes Down Before Japanese Hosts - Train Wreckers Convicted - Young Roberts Badly Wounded at Home - Hiawatha Gets the Club.

Hammed in by Flames.
While carpenters were at work repairing the timber in the Luke Fidler shaft near Shamokin, Pa., a miner's lamp ignited the wood and a fierce fire ensued. The carpenters gave an alarm, and seventy miners commenced a race for life, as the mine was filling with smoke. Through a shaft now in course of construction they were hoisted to the surface in an iron bucket, a great crowd cheering at the rescue. The fire reached the mouth of the pit. During the rescue the flames came up the air course and burned the fanhouse and the fire department was called into service. Superintendent Morris Williams and Mine Inspector Edward Brewer heroically entered the burning mine to seek for lost or exhausted men. At 5 o'clock in the morning Irvin Hoffman was found dead. It is known for a certainty that George Brown, a well-known politician; John Gierke, a laborer; Anthony Roberts, a driver boy, and Michael Buzdick, a laborer, are still in the mine. It is the fiercest mine fire known in the region. The colliery is operated by the Mineral Mining and Railroad Company, and gave employment to over 600 men and boys.

FEAR FOR PEKIN.

Report that the Japanese Have Won a Battle at Yalu.

It is believed that a decisive battle has been fought between the Chinese and Japanese armies on the plains north of the Yalu river, about fifty miles south of Moukden, one of the objective points of the Japanese invasion. When the last authentic advices were received the northern wing of the Japanese army had just crossed the Yalu and a battle was momentarily expected. At the same time news came that the southern wing, operating on the western shore of the Yellow Sea, had surrounded and captured Chee Foo, a large town on the Bay of Pichili. In this successful attack the army was aided by the Japanese fleet, which has been cruising in Pichili Bay for several days. A third division of the Japanese army is reported to have effected a landing on the shores of Leaoing Gulf, which is to the north of Chee Foo and between it and Moukden. Thus Peking is being encircled with a net of armed men without, while rebellion against the Tartar Emperor and his dynasty rages within. It is reported that the battle at the Yalu resulted in favor of the Japanese. It is almost certain that Peking will be captured within a week.

EXPRESS AGENT IS MISSING.

While Bailey Roberts Is Away from English His Father Dies.
Bailey Roberts, the telegraph operator and express agent at English, Ind., left home Thursday morning, ostensibly to go to Louisville, Ky., on business, and has not since been heard of. Telegrams have been sent in every direction and conductors on all trains have been consulted in vain. What makes the case peculiar at this time is that his father died suddenly Tuesday morning. The absentee is almost 25 years, about 5 feet 8 inches tall, slim build, fair complexion, sharp features, aquiline nose and of very steady habits. All his business affairs are in good shape. His wife is in delicate health.

EXPRESS AGENT ROBBED.

More Delivery Attributed to the Notorious Cook Gang.
Three men robbed the express agent at Choteau, I. T., Tuesday night, taking two mail bags, what money the agent had and his express money-order book. Ten or eleven persons in the depot were also robbed. The robbers were not masked, and information is the effect that they were all Indians, supposed to be the Cook gang. Robbers held up the Missouri Pacific station at Claremont and got about \$50. The parties are unknown.

Convicted of Wrecking an Engine.
Judge Edmonds, of the Criminal Court at St. Louis, sentenced William Buck and Richard Brown, members of the American Railway Union, to two years in the penitentiary each for train-wrecking. During the progress of the great railroad strike last summer obstructions were placed upon the tracks of the Missouri Pacific in the yards of St. Louis and a terminal railway locomotive sent wild against the pile of ties and railway iron, completely demolishing the engine. Buck and Brown were convicted of having placed the obstructions and of throwing the lever that started the terminal engine to ruin.

Pullman Club's Success Assured.
At a mass meeting of the citizens of Hiawatha, Kas., and surrounding country the \$50,000 stock asked for by the Pullman Club was raised. President Meyer, of the Pullman Club, informed the citizens that he would have thirty mechanics leave Pullman for Hiawatha immediately. Several enthusiastic speeches were made. Over 300 stockholders, having lots of backing, compose the company.

Twelve Persons Reported Killed.
Two houses were blown down at 66 and 68 Monroe street, New York. It is reported that twelve persons were killed. Ambulances were ordered from all downtown hospitals. A heavy rainstorm and high winds prevailed.

Eight Killed by a Train.
During a fog a freight train running over a grade crossing in Kent, England, dashed into a wagon full of hop-pickers. Eight of the hop-pickers were killed and five were badly injured.

Czar's Wife to Control.
It is understood in St. Petersburg that if the czar decides, as it is fully expected that he will, upon a form of regency during his absence from Russia, the Czar's wife will not be appointed regent, but she will be entrusted, by a special declaration of the czar, with the direction of state affairs.

No Jurisdiction.
In the trial at Indianapolis of a suit brought by the State of Indiana it was shown that the Chicago and Eastern Illinois and the Indiana Coal Road were consolidated in Illinois.

MOB RULE IN CHINA.

Foreigners at Peking and Hankow Fear for Their Lives.

A dispatch from Hankow, dated Thursday, says that as a consequence of the urgent demands of the Imperial authorities the province has been denuded of troops. Turbulent mobs have demonstrated at several points that the authorities are powerless to check them. Europeans are alarmed, and the British Consul has advised that all women and children be sent to Shanghai, which is considered the safest place. This will be done as soon as possible. The men, with the traders and officials, have formed a volunteer corps to protect themselves. The Viceroy fears that the mobs will break out in armed rebellion. He is having fortifications thrown up at Woo Chang, on the other side of the river, to be ready in case an attack on the city is attempted.

LOST WIFE AND MONEY.

Charles Stelling Is Short Nearly \$100,000 in Securities.
Charles Stelling, a San Francisco grocer and capitalist, is out \$5,000 in cash, all his deeds to property valued at \$100,000, and a pretty wife, who has deserted him for a street-car conductor. Bonds, papers and everything pocketable have disappeared from the Stelling residence. Stelling is eccentric, and one day confided to his wife that he had stored away in a convenient chest a big bag of gold for an emergency. This emergency came when Mrs. Stelling decided to elope with Alexander McNeill, a street-car conductor.

Earth Is Charged.

The instant killing of two large draught horses in Newark, N. J., the other day can only be accounted for by electrolysis, although there was no outward sign to support the theory apart from a slight shock which two men who were near by felt. Much uneasiness has been caused by the affair, for the people who occupy the block, which is in the center of the city, have claimed for some time that the ground all about it is charged with electricity. The big power-house of the Electric Light and Power Company is in the middle of the block, which is noted above and below the ground with electric light, telegraph, telephone and other wires. From time to time persons working in factories and printing offices adjoining have been thrown off their feet by electric power, but from what source has never been ascertained. A driver backed his horse to one of the rear doors of a hardware store on Mechanic street to deliver a load of sheet-iron pipes. As soon as the lines were attached to the horse's back they began to tremble and wheeled toward Mechanic street, where their fore feet struck a pile of iron pipes. Both animals dropped dead, neither moving after it struck the ground. The driver was thrown to the ground also. Van Houten and William Argus, assistants, were thrown to the ground and felt a severe shock. The men were sure they received a charge of powerful electric current. The horses died with their eyes wide open. The city engineer has examined the locality and declares the water and gas pipes are full of electricity, and that in damp weather the electricity charges the ground. The possibilities of wholesale death, he says, are terrible.

Commissioner Lamoreaux's Report.
The most important recommendations in the annual report of Commissioner Lamoreaux, of the Land Office, relate to the forest fires in Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, and what shall be done with the timber on public lands. On this subject the report says: The timber affected by these fires has been left in such a condition that if not cut and disposed of in a short time it will become worm-eaten and worthless, thus depriving the land of a great portion of its value to the settler seeking title. I, therefore, urgently recommend that promptly upon the reassembling of Congress a law be enacted by which the settlers shall be allowed to perfect their claims by commutation thereof to cash purchase at the legal price per acre. By this means the right and opportunity would be given to cut and dispose of the burned timber during the early part of the approaching winter and before it becomes worthless, thereby preserving it from destruction and in some degree relieving the suffering to which those have been subjected by the devastating conflagrations. It would seem that the instincts of humanity and justice unite to demand such legislation. I would further recommend that such other provisions for the relief of these settlers as Congress may deem proper may be made, following the precedent set in a similar case of fires in the same States by the act of Congress of June 8, 1872.

Russia the Real Enemy.
The London Evening News publishes a statement to the effect that the cabinet council was called to consider a dispatch received from Minister O'Connor at Peking, in which it was stated that Russia was intriguing to assist China against Japan in return for the cession to Russia of certain ports of Korea. If this is true, the Evening News adds, it will be question of sending first-class British men-of-war to China to thwart Russia's intentions. There is no confirmation of these statements from other sources.

Captured by Japanese.
It is reported that the Japanese have captured Kiu Lien Cheng, on the eastern side of the Yalu River. One hundred and fifty thousand men have been gathered at Peking for the defense of the city, but of this number only 7,000 are effectively armed. Only 50,000 soldiers are available for the defense of the province of Chi-Li-Ku, and these are raw levies.

Angry at Col. Barber.
An Omaha dispatch says there is some probability that the letter of Col. Merritt Barber, Adjutant General of the Department of the Platte, to the local representatives of the Army of the Tennessee, refusing to have anything to do with that society, and referring to it in a most discourteous manner, will cause a court martial.

E. M. Byers Is Insane.
Ebenzer M. Byers, the wealthy iron merchant of Pittsburgh, has been declared a lunatic. It was stated that the lunatic's interest in the firm of A. M. Byers & Co. was worth over \$200,000. No statement was made of the other property he possesses. Mrs. Byers will now ask to be made trustee of her husband's person and property.

Judge Gaynor Declines.
Judge Gaynor, in a letter made public Friday night, formally declined to run on the New York State Democratic ticket for Judge of the Court of Appeals.

Sandbagged and Robbed of \$1,300.
At Toronto, Ont., Frank Dupre, a commercial traveler from Rochester, N. Y., was sandbagged and robbed of over \$1,300. He may die of his injuries.

THE GENTLE RASCALS.

HARMED NO ONE, BUT ROBBED THE SAFE.

Alleged Responsibility for the Frightful Forest Fire—Massachusetts Mourns for Dr. Holmes, Pennsylvania for Andrew Curtin.

Rob the Safe in a Depot.
Thursday night the depot at Fort Gibson, I. T., was robbed by six masked men. Members of the Cook gang, successors to the Daltons, are known to have been in the vicinity, and the inference is that they were the robbers. They struck a gun through a window at the telegraph operator's table and required him to open the door. They then ordered the safe to be opened, and the operator swore he did not know the combination, and they then went to the agent's home and escorted him to the depot, where they made him open the safe. They took about \$300, without doing violence to anyone.

SERIOUS CHARGES.

One Firm Says the Other Is Responsible for Hinckley's Burning.

A paper filed in the District Court at Minneapolis, makes the startling charge that an employee of Laird & Boyle, who owned a sawmill, set the fire which afterward burned Hinckley. The paper is an answer to a suit brought by Laird & Boyle against Wisdom & Cannon, who also own a mill at Pine City, and with whom there were negotiations pending for an exchange of properties, the defendants to put in a note for \$1,500 to make some other concessions. The answer alleges that the plaintiffs ought not to recover, since the mill was burned Sept. 1, 1894, by a fire which was set and kindled by the plaintiffs, their servants and employees, that it occurred wholly and solely by reason of the carelessness and negligence of the plaintiffs and their employees, and that the fire so set and kindled was the same fire which thereafter and on the same day destroyed the village of Hinckley and a large amount of timber, as the defendant verily believes.

A LOVED POET GONE.

Oliver Wendell Holmes, the "Autocrat of the Breakfast Table," Passes Away.

Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, the truest friend, the kindest man, the sweetest singer, and the quaintest humorist of all that brilliant coterie which made Boston and New England famous wherever the English language was spoken, is dead. He slipped away from the arms of his loved ones early Sunday morning and joined his many friends in the great beyond. Almost his last word was a jest, not light nor irreverent, but kindly and easy, to soothe the pain of his dear ones; to make them feel the pain of parting was all; that he left the world which he had so honored and so loved, and of which he had been such an ornament and such a joy, without one pang or one regret, as one who "folded the drapery of his couch about him and laid down to pleasant dreams." The tear-bedimmed eyes of his children and his old-time friend hardly perceived when the end came, and it was only by the setting of the still-suffling lips and the cessation of the light breathing it was known that the father and friend was no more.

INCREASE IN OUTPUT.

Condition of the Industries Is Satisfactory.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trades says:
"With the cheap money crops of the West and South slaking in value it is not strange that purchases of manufactured products are smaller than was expected. Wheat has touched the lowest point ever known for options and cotton the lowest ever known in any form with the present classification, and the accumulation of stocks in both products is discouraging to purchasers for an advance. Producers are compelled to sell at prices below the ordinary cost of raising crops, and in some Western States there is also a lamentable failure of the corn crop. Under the circumstances it would be very strange if the demand for manufactured products should be quite as large as in other years."

Another War Governor Gone.

Andrew Gregg Curtin, war governor of Pennsylvania, died at Bellefonte, Pa., Sunday morning. His end was peaceful, he having been unconscious during the last twelve hours of his life. All the members of his family were at the bedside when he passed away. The death of ex-Gov. Curtin leaves only one war Governor living, Sprague of Rhode Island. Ex-Gov. Kirkwood of Iowa was soon followed by his friend Curtin. Mr. Curtin's death was due to brain troubles, brought on by general debility and old age. From Harrisburg, Governor Pattison issued a proclamation expressing his profound sorrow for the death of ex-Gov. Curtin and paying a high tribute to his public services. He ordered all flags on public buildings to be displayed at half-mast and that the departments of State Government within executive control be closed on the day of the funeral.

Struck Down by an Unknown.

While the carnival crowds were jostling one another in the streets at Kansas City, Mo., a masked revoler struck Jesse T. McClure, a postoffice inspector, a blow on the head which felled him. McClure died from his injuries, which were probably received in falling. Witnesses of the assault say there was nothing done or said to invite it. Everything about the affair is as strange as McClure's death, which was not at all expected. The man who struck the blow became lost in the crowd the moment McClure dropped.

Will Offer to Compromise.

All talk of armed invasion of the Sturgis, Ky., tax precincts by Collector Blackwell has ceased. Bondholder Preston sent word to the funding board to meet him in Henderson for a conference. Preston offers a 50 cent compromise, but the board will not accept anything above the original proposition, as the people would not abide by it.

Silver the Issue.

The Ohio State Democratic Executive Committee has issued a manifesto declaring that the issue of the present campaign is money, not tariff. The document has created a sensation and will have an important effect upon the campaign throughout the country.

Charged with Bara Burning.

Chester Biddell, a prominent farmer residing at Berlin, Ohio, whose wealth is estimated at \$100,000, was arraigned on an indictment for arson. A large stock barn in Berlin was burned and Biddell is charged with the crime. Biddell said he would prove an alibi.

Cuba Bananas Famine Not Felt.
The big firms dealing in bananas on South Water street, Chicago, looked with complacency upon a report coming from Philadelphia to the effect that bananas would be scarce owing to a destruction of the crop in Cuba by hurricanes.

CRASHES INTO AN ELECTRIC MOTOR.

Six Persons Badly Injured by a Grade-Crossing Accident in St. Louis.

As a special west-bound freight train on the Washburn road was leaving St. Louis it crashed into and demolished a car of the suburban electric street railway at Union avenue, in the western suburbs. The car was struck squarely on the front end and smashed into kindling wood. Of the passengers in the car six were seriously injured. Of these the two women and the motorman will probably die. All are badly bruised and cut and suffer broken limbs, and the two women are injured internally. All were removed to the Mullany Hospital. The blame for the accident has not been located.

Army of the Tennessee.

The Army of the Tennessee closed its reunion with a banquet at Council Bluffs Thursday night. These officers were elected: President, General Greenville M. Dodge, Iowa; Vice President, General James A. Williamson, Iowa; General Secretary, Pearson, Illinois; General Charles C. Walcott, Illinois; Major E. Q. Dawes, Ohio; Colonel J. D. McClure, Illinois; Major Henry L. Morrell, Missouri; Major Joseph W. Paddock, Nebraska; Major George F. French, Minnesota; Major E. P. Muhlenberg, Michigan; Captain George W. Richmond, Wisconsin; Major Hoyt Sherman, Iowa; Corresponding Secretary, General Andrew Hickenlooper; Recording Secretary, Col. Cornelius Cadde; Treasurer, Gen. M. F. Force.

David Swing Dead.

Professor David Swing, the eminent Chicago preacher and theologian, passed from earth life at 6 o'clock Wednesday evening, aged 64 years. Cholera, as the immediate cause of death, and the last hours of the dying man were painful. He had been unconscious since Monday evening. Prof. Swing's trial for heresy was one of the most famous of any time. Not only his own denomination but every denomination and the whole secular as well as the religious world was profoundly affected by it. He was acquitted by the body which tried him. But he felt it his duty to leave from the church of his early choice to occupy what seemed to him a broader field.

Ocean Steamship Lost.

It is reported that the steamship Chattahoochee, of the Ocean Steamship Company, overdue at Savannah from New York, has been lost with all on board. The Chattahoochee was built in Chester, Pa., in 1882. She was of iron, with a gross tonnage of 2,676.35 and a net tonnage of 1,857.56. Her length was 280 feet, depth 15.8 feet and breadth 40.7 feet. Savannah was her home port.

Anti-Option Convention.

The Vicksburg, Miss., Cotton Exchange and Board of Trade have called an anti-option convention in the interest of an anti-option bill to meet Nov. 20. All cotton manufacturers, planters, merchants and bankers in the cotton States are invited to attend. Many invitations will also be extended to public men, and every Congressman in the State is expected to be present.

Venezuela in Distress.

Caracas advices say the rains following the waterspout have ceased. The loss of life and property is greater than at first reported. Putrefying bodies are causing much sickness. Many families are in distress, suffering from lack of food and clothing.

Gave Her Child Nightshade to Play With.

Mrs. Pearsall, wife of Howard Pearsall, of Sag Harbor, L. I., gave her 2-year-old daughter Margaret a stalk of nightshade to play with. The child broke off one of the buds and swallowed it, and died from the effects of the poison.

Brazilian Rebels Routed.

Government troops of Brazil, under Gen. Lima, routed the rebels commanded by Gomerindo Savaria at Santa Cristo. Government forces are holding San Mateo. The rebels attacked Santa Maria, but were repulsed.

Senator Gorman a Sick Man.

Senator Gorman's close friends at Baltimore say he is a sufferer from Bright's disease, and has accepted the advice of his physician, Dr. Lincoln, of Washington, to abstain from active political work.

Robbed of a Fat Pocketbook.

A pocketbook was stolen from Joseph Matchett, of Candor, Pa., which contained \$14,000, \$6,000 in \$100 bills and the balance in checks, notes, etc. The money represented the savings of a lifetime.

Ethel Brandon Divorced.

At San Francisco, Mrs. Ethel Stockwell, better known as Miss Ethel Brandon, the actress, has been awarded a divorce from L. R. Stockwell, the actor, on the ground of extreme cruelty.

Indiana Bank Robbed.

The Elliston (Ind.) Bank was robbed on Wednesday night of \$5,000.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

CHICAGO.			
CATTLE—Common to Prime.	\$1.75	to	\$1.85
HOGS—Shipping Grades.	4.00	to	5.75
SHEEP—Fair to Choice.	2.00	to	3.50
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.	81	to	82
CORN—No. 2.	22	to	23
OATS—No. 2.	28	to	29
RYE—No. 2.	48	to	50
EGGS—Fresh.	16	to	18
POTATOES—Carrots, per bu.	60	to	75
INDIANAPOLIS.			
CATTLE—Shipping.	3.00	to	5.75
HOGS—Choice Light.	4.00	to	6.00
SHEEP—Common to Prime.	2.00	to	3.50
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.	22	to	23
CORN—No. 2 White.	54	to	54 1/2
OATS—No. 2.	31	to	32
ST. LOUIS.			
CATTLE.	3.00	to	5.60
HOGS.	3.00	to	5.50
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.	80 1/2	to	81 1/2
CORN—No. 2.	29	to	30
OATS—No. 2.	27	to	28
RYE—No. 2.	47	to	48
CINCINNATI.			
CATTLE.	3.00	to	5.25
HOGS.	4.00	to	6.00
SHEEP.	2.00	to	3.50
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.	81	to	82
CORN—No. 2 Mixed.	54	to	55
OATS—No. 2.	31	to	32
RYE—No. 2.	47	to	48
DETROIT.			
CATTLE.	2.50	to	4.50
HOGS.	4.00	to	6.00
SHEEP.	2.00	to	3.50
WHEAT—No. 2.	81	to	82
CORN—No. 2 Yellow.	53	to	54
OATS—No. 2 White.	32 1/2	to	33 1/2
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.	81	to	82
CORN—No. 2 Yellow.	52	to	53
OATS—No. 2 White.	31	to	32
RYE—No. 2.	46	to	47
BUFFALO.			
WHEAT—No. 1 White.	58	to	59
CORN—No. 2 Yellow.	47	to	47 1/2
OATS—No. 2 White.	34	to	35
WHEAT—No. 2 Spring.	60	to	60 1/2
CORN—No. 3.	51	to	52
OATS—No. 2 Mixed.	33 1/2	to	34
BARLEY—No. 2.	55	to	56
RYE—No. 1.	48	to	50
PORK—Mess.	12.50	to	13.00
NEW YORK.			
CATTLE.	3.00	to	5.25
HOGS.	2.50	to	6.00
SHEEP.	2.00	to	3.50
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.	85	to	86
CORN—No. 3.	57	to	58
OATS—No. 2 Yellow.	33 1/2	to	34
BUTTER—Creamery.	23 1/2	to	24 1/2
EGGS—Western.	18	to	20

GROCERS CUT PRICES.

WAR ON IN CHICAGO WHOLESALE CIRCLES.

Three Men Killed in the Illinois Steel Works—Terrible Explosion in Granada—Sat on His Coffin Facing Death—Violent Race Fight.

Will Please the Housewives.
It is "all off" with the Illinois Wholesale Grocers' Association. That is, every jobber will run—and is running—his business to suit himself, the rules once governing the trade and particularly the Chicago market, having been suspended by general consent. Jobbers generally disclaim any war in the trade; nevertheless, what looks singularly like a fight began Monday. The price on sugar by New York card was \$4.62 for 100 pounds. One firm named \$4.50 as its figure, while as low as \$4.44 was quoted as a reasonable price for the commodity. Still, sugar is not the basis of the struggle. It is and will be merely a side issue. The rules being suspended every man makes his own price and—what is the only significant phase of the situation—his own conditions in the fulfillment of orders. The charges for cartage, packing boxes, bags, etc., which have always been the rule in the Chicago trade, are now absorbed by the jobbers. No open cuts in grocery stocks have been made with the exception of sugar, which is really a safety valve for the escape of the surplus steam of the tradesmen.

THREE ARE DEAD.

Terrible Explosion in the Rail Mill of the Illinois Steel Works.
By the explosion of a steam pipe in the rail mill of the Illinois Steel works at South Chicago, three men lost their lives and four others were terribly injured. The recovery of one of the four is impossible and of the others improbable. The steam pipe was one of the large main feeders running through the entire plant. It passed through the rail mill in its course and the explosion came at a point in the middle of this department. More than fifty men were working near the part of the room in which the explosion took place. It came without warning. The report was deafening and gave the employees the first intimation of danger. Many were slightly injured and were able to run from the shop. Escaping steam filled the rooms and the cries of the injured and the absence of many of their comrades warned those who had gained safety that the explosion had been followed by serious and probably fatal results.

DRAMA IN REAL LIFE.

Courier on a Foaming Charger Brings Respite Just in Time.
Silas Lewis, one of the Whitworth Choctaw political prisoners, was to have been shot to death at Tushkahoma, I. T., Saturday at 3 p. m. All arrangements had been perfected and the prisoner heavily manacled, with arms folded, had taken his seat on the death box, and the two guards stood ready, with rifles placed to their shoulders, to send the missiles of death into the prisoner's breast, when a courier rode up, his horse foaming, and at a distance of a hundred yards halted the captain of the guard and ordered him to stop proceedings. He conveyed an order from Judge Holson respiting Lewis for thirty days, according to instructions from the Interior Department. Had the rider been one minute later his order would have been useless. This is the fourth respite Lewis has had.

HIS INNOCENCE ESTABLISHED.

Ex-Postmaster Holmes, of Wichita, Kan., Cleared of a Grave Crime.
In 1872, while J. T. Holmes was postmaster at Wichita, Kan., the office was robbed of registered mail and Holmes was arrested, tried and found guilty and sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary. He only served two years when influence secured his release, but he was never able to publicly prove his innocence. At the time of the robbery King Price was a clerk in the office. He disappeared and nothing had been heard of him since until Monday, when Holmes received a letter from him from the penitentiary at Jackson, Mich., containing a complete exoneration of the ex-postmaster, confessing that the writer was the thief.

County Commissioners Indicted.

At Columbus, Ohio, the grand jury returned indictments for malfeasance and soliciting and accepting bribes against members of the Board of County Commissioners—L. M. Biggert, T. D. Cassidy, and Joseph McDonald. This is the result of the finding of the examination of the books made last June. It shows that the commissioners made a practice of cutting large contracts into parts, costing less than \$1,000, the legal limit, so that they could let them to their friends without competitive bidding.

Two Hundred Dead.

A dispatch to the Panama Star and Herald from Granada, Nicaragua, says: "A terrible catastrophe has occurred here. The military barracks have been blown up and a whole quarter of the city has been badly damaged. The number of dead is estimated at 200. The number of wounded is much greater, but no exact estimate is yet obtainable."

Negroes Reported Killed.

Seven negroes are reported to have been killed in a race fight on an excursion train near Havesville, Ky. The negroes were drunk, and started the row because they were not allowed to ride in the coaches with the whites.

John H. Parsons Killed at Boston.

John H. Parsons, fuel agent of the New York and New England Railroad, was knocked down by a runaway horse on Tremont street Boston, and received injuries from which he died an hour later.

George Gould to Control.

A special dispatch from Panama says: "It is reported here that Americans have regained control of the Panama Railroad; that George Gould will be its new President; and that Col. Rives, the present superintendent of the road, will enter the service of the canal company as engineer."

Five Years for Bribery.

John T. Callahan, the first of the New Orleans hoodie councilmen convicted of criminal bribery and corruption in office, was sentenced by Judge Noyes to five years in the State penitentiary and \$50 fine.

Vestibule Limited Wrecked.

The west-bound vestibule limited train